

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
REAP FY18 County Grant Awards**

**Grant Purpose:** The county conservation account receives 20% of the REAP funds. After initial distributions outlined in Chapter 33, 40% of the remaining funds are available for competitive grants to counties for increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, land protection, capital improvements, stabilization and protection of resources, repair and upgrading of facilities, environmental education, and equipment. This money is available to counties, only if they are dedicating at least 22¢ per \$1,000 of the assessed value of taxable property in the county for county conservation purposes.

**Funding Source(s):** Resource Enhancement And Protection Fund – County Conservation Account

**Grant Funding Available:** \$961,298

**Selection Committee Members:** As directed by Chapter 33, a review and selection committee consisting of five members (two DNR staff and three non-DNR appointees) scored the applications:

- County Representation
  - Jim Liechty, Madison CCB
  - Katie Hammond, Louisa CCB
  - Chris Lee, Des Moines CCB
- DNR Representation
  - Jessica Manken, State Parks Bureau
  - Tom Anderson, ESD Land Quality Bureau

**Summary of Selection Process:** As directed by criteria under Chapter 33.30, the selection committee reviewed and scored all applications. Examples of criteria considered include quality of site and project, public need, urgency of project, multiple use potential, and economic benefit.

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends funding for four projects listed in the table. In the event that any of the grantees are unable to execute their project, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored projects that meet the grant criteria or return the funds to the grant program for distribution in the next grant cycle.

<b>2017 (FY18) REAP County Projects</b>					
<b>Ranked by Score</b>	<b>County Applicant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
<b>147.5</b>	<b>Clay</b>	<b>Huffman Addition</b>	The acquisition of 40 acres adding on to the existing Huffman Wildlife Complex which comprises over 1062 acres. The parcel adds oak timber stands with oak savannas along with a variety of upland timber and pasture mix. The Conservation Board has leveraged \$30,000 of the cost of the \$159,350 purchase price.	<b>\$129,350</b>	<b>\$129,350</b>
<b>139.4</b>	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>O'Donnel Fen</b>	This project will acquire 69.5 acres along Spring Creek just to the east of Beeds Lake. The property contains one high quality fen and is composed of both wetland and upland habitat, with the upland habitat containing a sizeable pheasant population. Once purchased, the land will be maintained in its natural state and open for public use.	<b>\$41,800</b>	<b>\$41,800</b>
<b>134.8</b>	<b>Story</b>	<b>Tedesco Environmental</b>	The Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor is a unique community space showcasing conservation techniques, water	<b>\$468,582</b>	<b>\$468,582</b>

		<b>Learning Corridor, Phase 2</b>	quality improvement demonstrations, trail connectivity, and increases quality of life. This 37 acre park brings county, city, university and state collaborators together proving that commercial development and natural resource conservation can be symbiotic. The corridor focuses on progressive approaches that demonstrate management for urban growth and resource protection.		
<b>129.4</b>	<b>Dickinson</b>	<b>Reeds Run Wildlife Area</b>	This project will acquire a 43-acre property composed of a combination of wetland and grassland areas. The property is within 1000 feet of the eastern shoreline of Big Spirit Lake and will be purchased by Dickinson CCB so that its wetlands and prairie can be preserved. The area will positively impact the water quality of the Iowa Great Lakes and serve as a natural wildlife area and passive recreation site.	<b>\$153,687</b>	<b>\$153,687</b>
<b>129.2</b>	<b>Polk</b>	<b>Crane Meadows Acquisition</b>	This project will acquire 348 acres of land as an addition to its Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Area. The area will be restored to a combination of wetland, grassland and oak savanna.	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$167,879</b>
125.4	Dallas	Big Bend Wildlife Area Addition	(would have been funded w/REAP at \$20M)	\$344,360	-0-
112.6	Linn	Toms Addition to Buffalo Creek Natural Area		\$70,000	-0-
100.4	Van Buren	Bentonsport Park Enhancement, Step 1		\$41,530	-0-
96.8	Lyon	Lake Pahoja Conservation Education Center		\$400,000	-0-
88.6	Decatur	Savanna Hills Learning Center		\$750,000	-0-
47.2	Greene	Bill and Vesta Dixon Wildlife Area Trail		\$49,000	-0-
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>\$2,948,309</b>	<b>\$961,298</b>

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